

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 4074

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, JM  
SUBJ: OPPOSITION LEADER SEAGA ACQUITTED OF FELONIOUS ASSAULT  
CHARGE

REF: KINGSTON 2847

1. OPPOSITION LEADER EDDIE SEAGA WAS ACQUITTED ON JULY 27  
OF THE CHARGE OF FELONIOUS ASSAULT BROUGHT BY ONE FRANKLIN  
BLAKE. ACCORDING TO THE CHARGE, JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP)  
LEADER SEAGA STABBED BLAKE DURING A SCUFFLE ON NOVEMBER 17,  
1976, IN THE COURSE OF AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN MOTORCADE. THE  
MAGISTRATE HEARING THE CASE DESCRIBED THE EVIDENCE AS  
"MANIFESTLY UNRELIABLE" AND DISMISSED THE CASE AT THE END OF  
THE PROSECUTION'S CASE, THUS FREEING SEAGA OF ANY NECESSITY  
TO PRESENT ANY DEFENSE.

2. COMMENT: JLP SOURCES HAVE DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT AS  
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE USE OF THE MACHINERY OF  
GOVERNMENT BY THE RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY  
(PNP) TO HARRASS THE OPPOSITION. THE JLP IS PARTICULARLY  
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BITTER ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE SUMMONING OF SEAGA TO STAND  
TRIAL. THEY STRESS THAT THE ISSUANCE OF THE SUMMONS ON  
MAY 18 AND ITS SERVING ON MAY 28 WAS INTENDED TO RELATE TO  
THE MAY 31-JUNE 1 VISIT OF MRS. CARTER.  
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